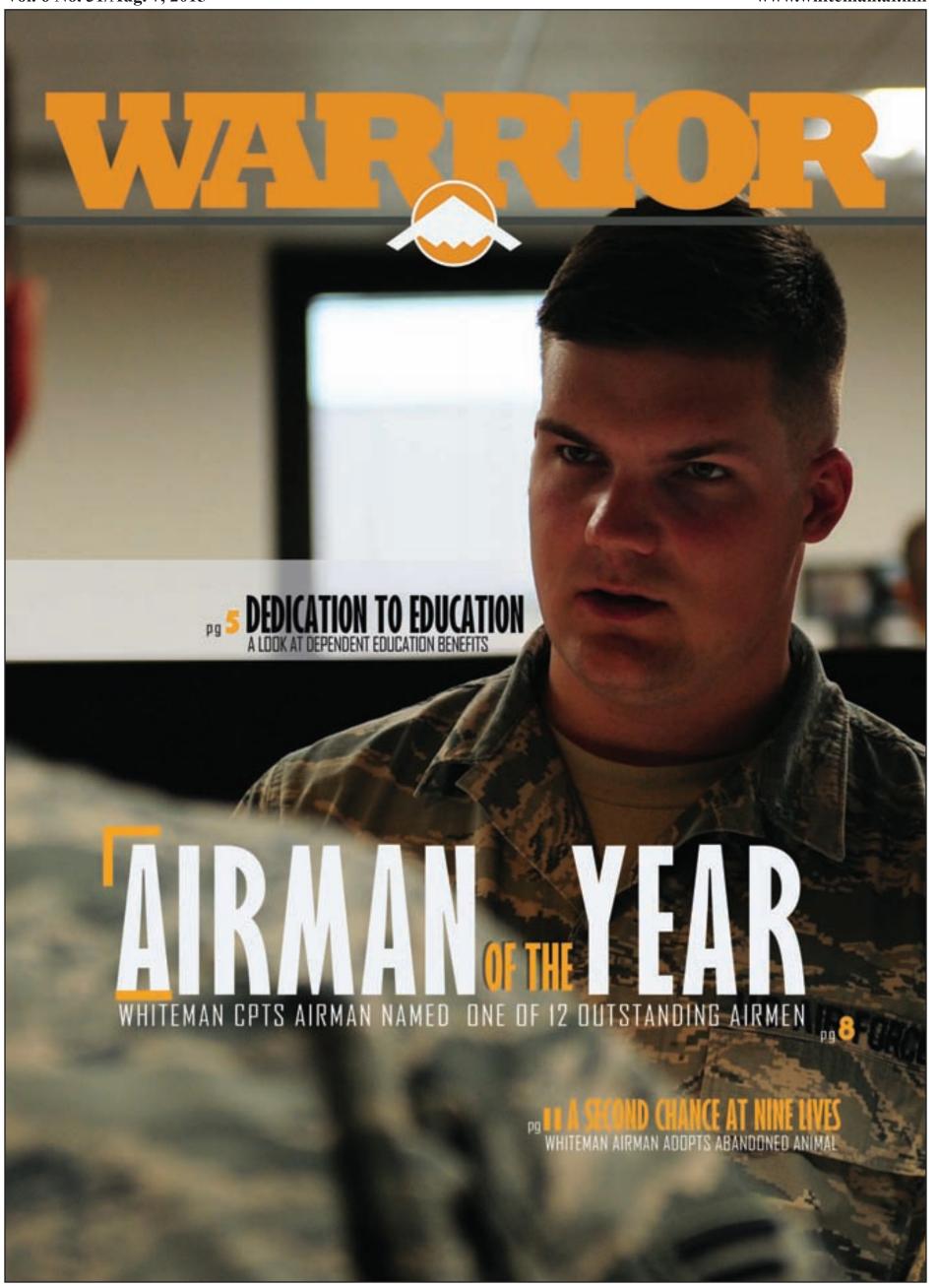
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MSgt slot available for Honor Guard

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Air Force Academy and ROTC cadets experience Whiteman AFB



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U.S. Air Force Academy and Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps cadets from around the country stand in front of a B-2 Spirit July 27, 2015, at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo. The cadets visited for two weeks to learn about the different career fields on the installation.

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U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Antonio Pelayo, an Airman Dorm Leader poses in front of his designated dormitory Aug. 4, 2015 at Whiteman AFB, Mo. Pelayo is responsible for housing more than 200 Airmen, facility maintenance and ensuring quality standards. Pelayo is originally assigned with the 509th Security Forces Squadron as a security forces officer.

By Airman 1st Class Jovan Banks 509th Bomb Wing Public Affairs

With the arrival of new Airmen at Whiteman Air Force Base, Missouri, comes the responsibility of housing these junior-enlisted Airmen and ensuring that they are assisted with a smooth transition into the dormitory for the duration they are occupancy. Thanks to the efforts of the Airman Dormitory Leaders (ADL), the transition in and out of the dorms and the duration of is made easier

There is an ADL assigned to each dorm at Whiteman. U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Antonio Pelayo, a Security Forces Officer with the 509th Security Forces Squadron, has held his position as an ADL for 15 months as an ADL of Discovery and Endeavour Hall and has assisted in every Airman's inprocessing and out-processing in his time.

The position of an ADL can range from the rank of a non-commissioned officer to a Senior NCOs.

Between both dorms, there are roughly

Between both dorms, there are roughly 250 Airmen that fall under Pelayo's primary responsibility.

"ADLs are responsible for all dorms throughout Whiteman, each ADL primarily manages 1 or 2 dorms while a Superintendent oversees all dorm operations," said Pelayo.

During in-processing, an ADL will inform Airmen of all Air Force and base-spe-

cific policies as well assist with all of their housing needs.

"Our primary mission is to ensure that the facilities Airmen live in and their quality of life are up to standard so they can carry out their own primary mission to the best of their abilities" said Pelayo. "But there are numerous duties of an ADL. We are facility managers of the dorms, we oversee maintenance and ensure issues and discrepancies are corrected through the 509th Civil Engineering Squadron. We also in-process and out-process Airmen on a daily basis."

If Airmen residing in the dormitories have any concerns about the moving process, or issues about your room contact your resident ADL, or call (660)-687-3040.



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Continuing education for dependents:

By Airman 1st Class Jazmin Smith 509th Bomb Wing Public Affairs

Tuition Assistance, the Montgomery GI Bill for Active Duty and Veterans, Post-9/11 GI Bill and the Community College of the Air Force: Dependents of service members have all become familiar with these terms.

When joining the Air Force, recruiters preach the educational benefits to the incoming recruits, but what about the educational aid available to their spouses?

Multiple resources, counselors and programs designed to help spouses seeking more information on educational benefits are offered at Whiteman Air Force Base, Missouri.

Whiteman's Airman and Family Readiness Center (AFRC) and the Professional Development Center (PDC) are excellent places to find counselors and education specialists willing to point dependents in the right direction.

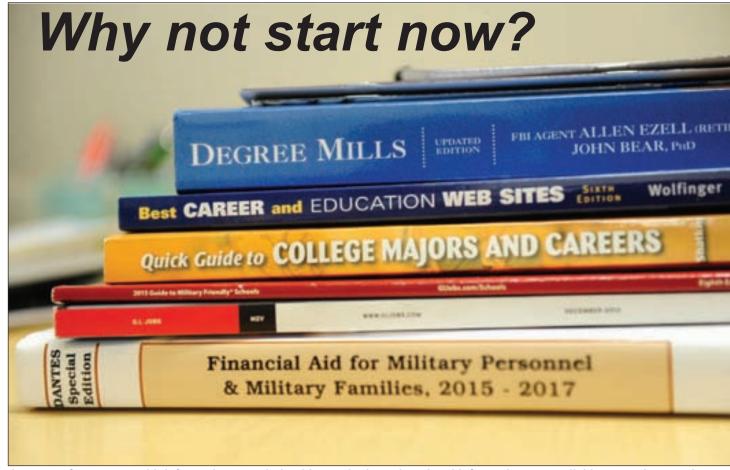
"We have many resources available that we direct members and their families towards," said Mark Carter, 509th Force Support Squadron education specialist. "We will also give them one-on-one advisement of available free funds from various donors."

There is an incredible amount of funding for school out there waiting to be claimed. Some may be obtained by simply writing a story or filling out an application whereas other means may be more challenging.

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), Military Spouse Career Advancement Accounts, General Henry H. Arnold Education Grant Program and hundreds of other private scholarships and grants: These are the benefits many spouses overlook when it comes time to continue their education.

"There are millions of dollars of scholarship money available," said Carter. "Scholarships are the easiest forms of financial aid to obtain. Literally, 'your efforts will put money in your pockets'.

"It is best to fill out as many scholarship applications as possible; all one needs to do is write an essay that reflects the 'unique



An array of resources with information on scholarships and other educational information are available to service members and their families at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo. With hundreds of scholarships and grants available, dependents can speak to counselors at the Airman and Family Readiness Center or the Professional Development Center on how to go to school at little to no cost to themselves.

you'," added Carter. "The essay should consist of 250 to 500 words, then fill out the application accordingly and mail it back to the donor. We also suggest consulting with the school to fill out institutional and programmatic scholarships, as well as searching the internet for need-based and merit-based external scholarships."

Not all forms of funding for education are based on merit, though. There are also the unusual scholarships, tasking participants with something quirky, or the scholarships catering to certain aspects of people's life, whether it is their financial situation, interests, gender, race and so on. With this in mind, there is something out there for

everyone that doesn't have to necessarily be found through the military.

Education specialists provide advice on applications, information on eligibility for the numerous resources offering free money, as well as things to be wary of such as websites that charge for using their site as an aid to fill out the FAFSA application online.

When speaking with a specialist, they can find out from a counseling session many applications for which to apply based on eligibility. From there, they can continue to advise the student on how to be proactive about their education, get the most out of their benefits and help them avoid certain loans as much as possible. For example,

many dependents qualify for the Pell Grant after filling out the FAFSA, as they are in a single-income home or have children.

"FAFSA is a free application that helps to determine your eligibility for federal aid," said Carter. "That aid can be in the form of loans, grants and work study programs."

Oftentimes, when trying to sort out the finances of education, people resort to loans. Although sometimes a necessary evil, it doesn't always have to be. With some research and perhaps speaking with an advisor, dependents can get on track to going to school without the financial burden.

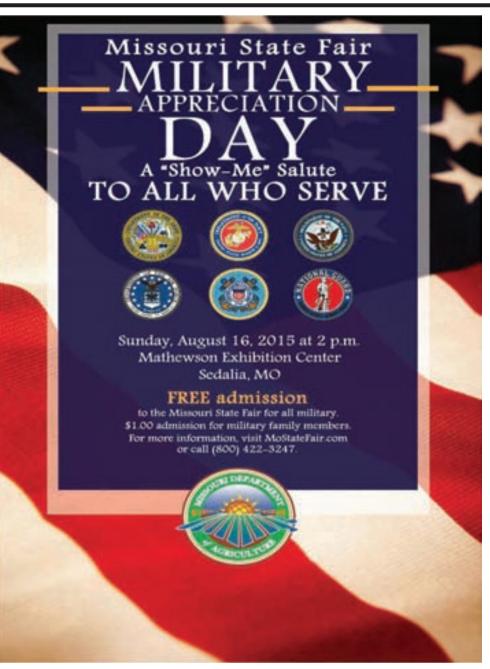
For more information, contact the PDC at 660-687-5750 or visit the AFRC.



Mark Carter, 509th Force Support Squadron education specialist, stands in front of his office July 30, 2015, at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo. Carter not only provides valuable counsel to Airmen, but also to spouses interested in beginning the process of applying to college



Jeannie Harrington, State Fair Community College administrative assistant, counsels Airman 1st Class Heather De Leon Ventura, 509th Maintenance Group administrator, July 30, 2015, at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo. After speaking with an education specialist, a service member or dependent can check out the schools available at the Professional Development Center for information on the admission process or counseling on classes.



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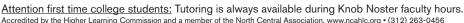
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Whiteman Airman recognized as outstanding Airman of the year

By Senior Airman Joel Pfiester 509th Bomb Wing Public Affairs

Annually, Air Force officials select the service's top enlisted members to represent the enlisted force as part of the Enlisted Council. The council is comprised of the twelve recipients of of the top-level honors an Airman can receive.

Senior Airman Mason Meherg, 509th Comptroller Squadron financial services technician, was recently named one of 12 Outstanding Airmen of the Year (OAY) for 2015.

An Air Force selection board at the Air Force Personnel Center considered 35 nomi-Airmen selected based on superior leadership, job performance and personal achievements.

Upon his arrival to Whiteman Air Force

never get complacent. That's what has pushed me to this point."

may have, so he explored different avenues on how to be more involved with his personal development

"I take my job very seriously and every thinking about what I could do to help impact ing up, but that gets old really fast and anyone

meeting and it just so happened they were taking nominations for the elections coming up

After throwing his name in a hat, Meherg showed up to the next meeting and was elected the Outstanding Airmen of the Year Award, one President of the Airman's Council. After tak- out and do those things, help the community ing on his new role, Meherg organized three and also shed a positive light on Whiteman big events on base, one of them, a Battle of the AFB.' Bands Summer Picnic which gained the designation as an alternate duty location.

"To have an event designated as an alternate duty location was a big deal for us because it kind of put us on the same playing field as some nees who represented major commands, direct of the other base council's and organizations," reporting units, field operating agencies and said Meherg. "They have alternate duty loca-Headquarters Air Force. Meherg was one of 12 tions for many morale building events and to Force goes to work every day and does an exbe able to work in the same capacity was a big

In less than three years, Meherg has earned Base, Missouri, Meherg had his sights set high his Community College of the Air Force dewith a goal of obtaining Senior Airman below gree, spearheaded the Airman's Council's Adopt-A-Highway program, been appointed stop there," said Meherg. "I think it's always Booster Club, served as the 509th BW staff's effort good for Airmen to set goals for themselves and point of contact for the Air Force Assistance Fund, volunteered countless hours to Airmen Against Drunk Driving, worked closely with Being a finance troop, Meherg realized his the Sexual Assault and Response Coordinator work bullets would not have the big numbers as a victim's advocate, and is scheduled to earn that some other Air Force Specialty Codes his Bachelor's degree by the end of next year.

Meherg credits his success to finding volunteer opportunities that he's passionate about and that mean something to him.

"When I first came to Whiteman I was defijob matters, but I realized I'm not going to nitely a bullet chaser," said Meherg. "I was have statements like 'maintains a billion dol- checking boxes and trying to make sure I got

my community or the base," said Meherg. "It who does that can tell you it's tiring because started with the Airman's Council. I went to a you're not really working for or towards anything. That's when I started looking at things like the Airman's Council and the Sexual Assault Prevention and Response office. Those two things really stood out to me as making a difference in the community. I was able to go

> Meherg, along with the 11 other OAY will be traveling to different installations over the course of the next year to speak with fellow Airmen and collect their questions and concerns to bring back with him to the Enlisted

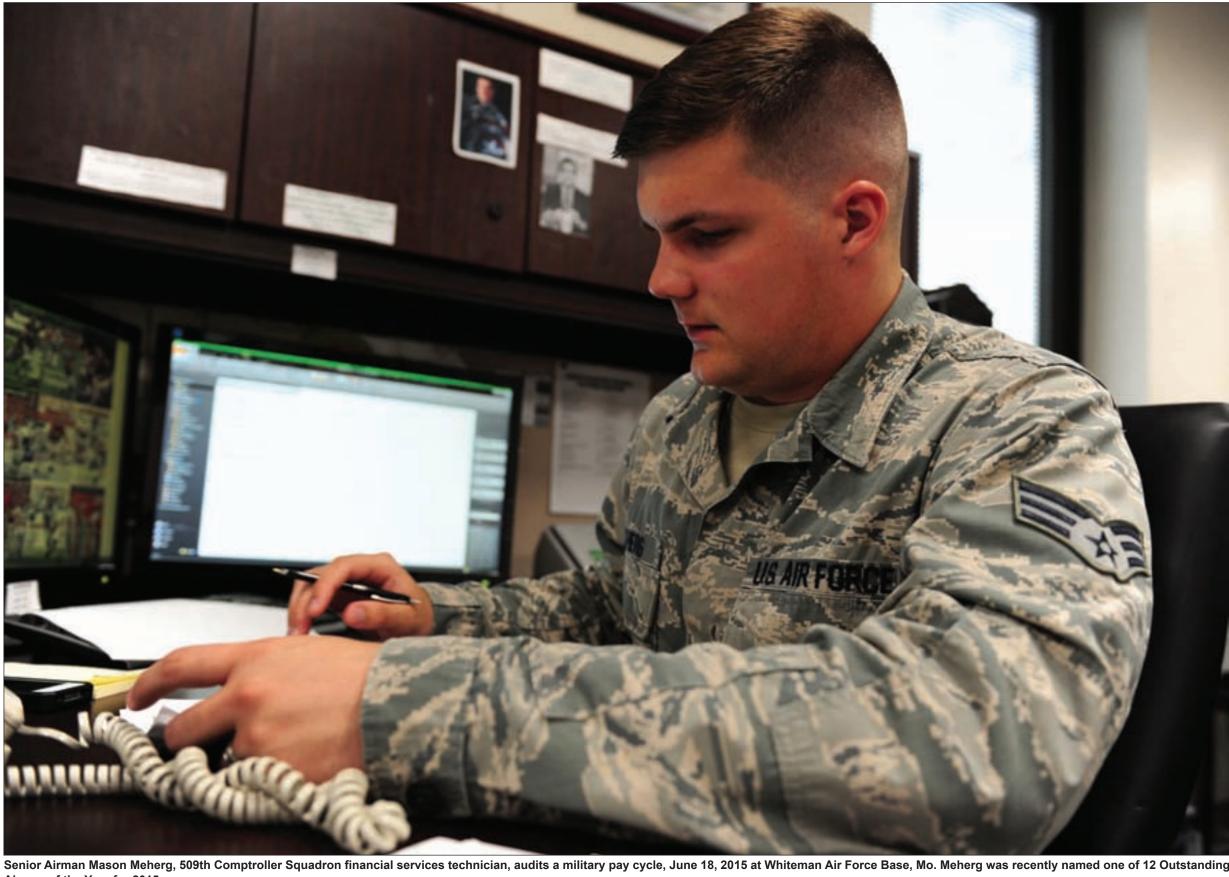
> "I would say that more than half of the Air cellent job but never really receives any recognition for it," said Meherg. "That's who I would like to represent. I'd like to be their voice in the grand scheme of things."

With a strong support system in his peers, co-workers and supervision, Meherg believes "Once that became a reality, I realized why treasurer for the 509th Bomb Wing (BW) staff that this award is a culmination of a total team

"To be named one of the 12 Outstanding Airmen of the Year is a really humbling experience as crazy as that may sound," said Meherg. "To have leadership backing you and to nominate you for such as award and all the time it took for them, not only mentoring me and pushing me in the right direction but also doing the paperwork and writing the package. Knowing that you go to work every day with such hardworking people, supervisors and Airmen that are busting their butts everyday really ends up reflecting well on everybody. It is lar B-2 Spirit' on my package, so I started below-the-zone or anything else that was com- an honor and a privilege to be able to represent



Senior Airman Mason Meherg, 509th Comptroller Squadron financial services technician, in-processes a customer June 18, 2015, at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo. Meherg was recently named one of 12 Outstanding Airmen of the Year for 2015.





LEFT: Senior Airman Mason Meherg, 509th Comptroller Squadron financial services technician, conducts training with a coworker June 18, 2015, at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo. Meherg was recently named one of 12 Outstanding Airmen of the Year

RIGHT: Senior Airman Mason Meherg, 509th Comptroller Squadron financial services technician, in-processes a customer June 18, 2015, at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo. Meherg was recently named one of 12 Outstanding Airmen of the Year for 2015.

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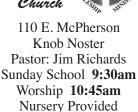
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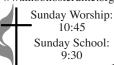
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Feature

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A rescue kitten, named Nuke, rests in the arms of U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Angela M. Rice, a 509th Comptroller Squadron NCO in charge of special actions, after being fed on July 20, 2015, at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo. Nuke was injured and dehydrated when he was found near the base flightline.



Olivia Bloom, a veterinarian assistant at an animal clinic in Warrensburg, Mo., holds Nuke on July 27, 2015. Bloom has been the primary nurse helping to save Nuke's life after being stranded and injured.

U.S. Air Force photos/ Airman 1st Class Michaela R. Slanchik



U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Angela M. Rice, a 509th Comptroller Squadron NCO in charge of special actions, visits Nuke on July 27, 2015, at an animal clinic in Warrensburg, Mo. Airman 1st Class Zackery C. Rice, a 509th Security Forces Squadron member, found Nuke near the flightline on Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo. and the couple decided to adopt him.

second chance at nine lives

By Airman 1st Class Michaela R. Slanchik 509th Bomb Wing Public Affairs

Airmen are considered heroes for their service to our nation. Yet, some take it a step further. Core values can make a difference in every Airman's daily decisions, whether they are great or small.

U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Angela M. Rice, 509th Comptroller Squadron NCO in charge of special actions, and her husband, Airman 1st Class Zackery C. Rice, 509th Security Forces Squadron member, demonstrated those values when they rescued a kitten last week.

Zackery cared for the kitten after it was found near the base flightline during a heat index of 101 degrees. After telling his wife about the kitten, they immediately decided to adopt him

"When he was found, his tail was severed," said Angela. "He was dirty and seemed very out of it. Every now and then I would have to gently nudge him because he would stop moving. I don't know if he was falling asleep or fading off, but I kept making sure he was alive."

It may have been a small rescue, but Angela said that she believes the decision to do the right thing came to her naturally due to the Air Force lifestyle.

"I just did it," said Angela. "It was like second nature. All core values should be automatic."

At just under three weeks old, the kitten, named Nuke, visited a veterinarian for the first time, thanks to the Rice family. The vet cleaned up his wounded tail and kept a tight leash on feeding and providing fluids to him for three days.

"If Nuke wasn't taken into a vet's office he would have eventually succumbed to the infection in his tail and died," said Olivia Bloom, a veterinarian assistant at an animal clinic in Warrensburg, Missouri. "Because the kitten was injured, he would have been rejected by his mother and then starved to death if the infection didn't kill him first. If it was not for Angela and her husband, the little kitten wouldn't have survived on his own."

Bloom said she hopes others hear Nuke's story and are inspired to help when it's needed.

"People like Angela and her husband are important because they stepped up to care for this kitten when he needed it the most," said Bloom. "Efforts like these make a difference."

Rice said she believes Nuke is very fortunate to have made it this far. She is glad she could help save his life.

"I think it's just humane to help in situations like this," said Rice. "I think anyone that can walk away from a stranded kitten like that might be a little cruel."

Angela cares for Nuke as if he were her child. The couple will ensure he receives regular check-ups and shots as he gets older.

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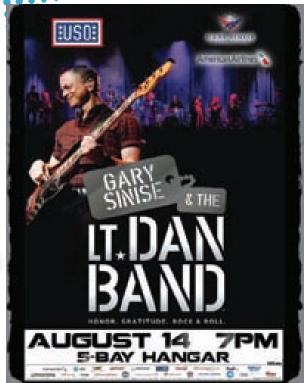
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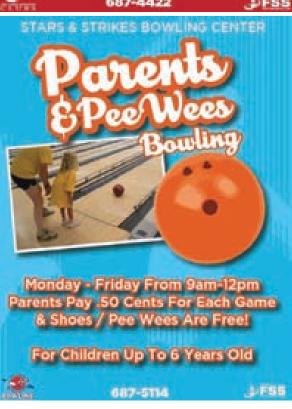
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